

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the holiday season is a time to be thankful for America's abundant supply of safe, wholesome, and affordable food; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington's farmers and ranchers produce the food that nourishes our bodies and serves as the centerpiece for family gatherings and holiday celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, 39,000 farming families across Washington contribute to the economic vitality of small towns and urban centers, growing nearly \$8 billion in crops and livestock in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture continues to make valuable contributions to the cultural, social, and environmental heritage of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2009, as

### ***Thank Your Farmers and Ranchers Day***

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in supporting our farmers by enjoying Washington-grown foods throughout the holiday season.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009

*Chris Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

